

Testimony for the Protect Act

Read out loud, Bill number S.B. 1059,

My name is Joseph Stewart, I'm from New Haven CT. and I'm currently am incarcerated in NHCC. I'm writing this testimony for the matter of abusive restraints. In 2015 while incarcerated in Osburn prison my back slip ^{#109} a disc do to a injury I already have. I had to go to the hospital where I was treated and then released back to the Osborn prison hospital bed for two days. I was in a lot of pain after two days and was ask by the CO's to leave. I told the officer that I was in a lot of pain and couldn't use the rest room properly. The CO's told me that they didn't care about my back pain and said if I didn't get up that they was going to cuff me behind my back and drag me on my belly. I was very scared and had to walk sometimes falling and crawling to get to the next cell to avoid more injury, while in cuffs. Also I notice they had no camera to record the situation. My point is that a lot of physical harm could be done when CO's ruff handle injured inmates and sometimes could lead to deff.

If we include The Protect Act in this bill, we may save some lives so I support this bill strongly. Thank you!

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